

Amendment to the Abstract:

The Abstract has been amended. A revised Abstract is attached.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~Copy control utilizing electronic watermarking has a problem that control specifications are different between different applications and the same processing may include excessive processing depending upon control specifications and may accordingly become inefficient.~~

A recording apparatus which executes copy control utilizing copy control information which is indicative of plural types of copy control includes an electronic watermark detection ~~means~~¹⁰³device, which detects a predetermined copy control information portion of the copy control information out of a content over which an electronic watermark expressing the copy control information is superimposed, and a recording ~~means~~¹⁰⁴ device which records a content in accordance with a detection result obtained by the electronic watermark detection ~~means~~device.